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- 9 tanneries.
- 3 footwear factories.
- 1 leather traveling and fancy goods factory.
- 2 belting and technical leather factories (chiefly supplying the textile industry).
- 1 leather glove factory.

The total number of workers employed in the above factories is 168).

2. The works at Brzeg (Brieg) and Glinka (Glinica) had been completely devastated when taken over by the Polish Administration in October 1945. Damage in other works varied from 30% to 70%. Restoration in all these works is now approximately 90%. The chief difficulty in putting them into commission again is lack of spare parts for the machinery. Supplies of spare parts and needles are now to be received from Czechoslovakia under the trade agreement with that country.
3. Only about 15% - 20% of the hides for the leather industry is obtainable from home sources, the remainder being imported from abroad. It is hoped that increased imports will be received [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. Tanning materials are to be supplied [redacted] and one consignment of 5000 tons has already been received from there. Supplies are also expected from [redacted] Yugoslavia. There is a marked shortage of tallow. The two pre-war tanning extract factories at Warsaw and Stanislawow were completely destroyed by the Germans, but it is planned to build a new factory at Torun. 50X1-HUM
5. The entire production of the tanning industry is distributed by the Surplus Central (Centrala Zbytu) at Lodz, which allocates supplies to the Beta factory at Chalmek and to the PZU (? Fanstowe Zaklady Umundurowania - State Uniform Works) at Poznan. The remaining available supplies are allocated to enterprises of different ministries and to footwear factories manufacturing goods for supply against clothing ration cards or manufacturing footwear for industry.

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rial needs. It must be taken into account that there is no upper leather in Lower Silesia for the production of civilian footwear. Leather of this type is obtained solely from Krakow.

6. Below are some details concerning leather works in Lower Silesia:

a. Brzeg (Brieg). Lower Silesia Tanning Works at Brzeg (Zaklady Garbarskie Dolnoslaskie w Brzegu)

These are the largest tanneries in Poland. Production was started in March 1946 and at the present time averages 45 tons per month. The estimated capacity of production is, however, 80 tons per month. Increased output is entirely dependent on the supply of raw material from abroad. Present production includes sole leather, leather for travel goods, parchment, and belting. It is claimed that first-quality leather is produced in the space of three months by means of the accelerated methods now in use. The Brzeg Tanneries have their own electric power plant and bark tanning extract plant and are equipped with mechanical workshops. Equipment includes 500 tanning vats under cover. The number of workers employed is 170.

b. Glinka (Glinica) District of Walbrzych (Waldenburg).

1 tannery (monthly production - 11 tons leather).
1 belting and technical leather factory.

c. Lesnica, near Troclaw.

1 tannery (soles and uppers).

d. Jawor (Jauer), about 18 km. S. of Lignica).

2 tanneries (soles, travel goods, technical leather).

e. Kamionogora (Landeshut, about 22 km. N. of Walbrzych).

1 tannery (uppers and technical leather).
1 industrial footwear factory.

f. Swidnica (Schneidnitz).

1 tannery for glove leather.
1 glove factory.

g. Choinow (Haynau, 18 km. N. of Lignica) and Parchonice (Parchwitz).

2 tanneries for glove leather.

h. Bialy Kamien (Weissstein), district of Walbrzych.

1 boot factory (leather working boots with wooden soles).

i. Zgorzelice (Gorrlitz).

1 factory (trunks, suitcases, and leather goods).

j. Olesnica (Oels)

1 civilian footwear factory.

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